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SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. POLCOUNS GAVE TEXT OF REFTEL TO CARTER, DIRECTOR, AFRICAN AFFAIRS, (ANGOLOPHONE) EXTAFF. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND DON DOHERTY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AFRICAN AFFAIRS, DOHERTY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER BACKGROUND OF MEETING BETWEEN GARBA AND THE SECRETARY. CANADIANS ARE INTRIGUED BY GARBA INITIATIVE SINCE THEY HAVE FOUND NIGERIA REMARKABLY QUIET IN PAST FEW MONTHS AND ARE WONDERING IF THIS MIGHT HERALD A CHANGE WITH GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA BEGINNING TO ASSERT ITSELF MORE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

2. ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE RE BACKGROUND OF GARBA MEETING AND US INTERPRETATIONS OF WHY HE MADE STATEMENT TO PRESS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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